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| In re Patent Application of | ) | <b>MAIL STOP PCT</b>   |
| Dietmar Lerchie et al.      | ) | Group Art Unit:        |
| Application No.: 10/591,701 | ) | Examiner:              |
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| For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  | ) |                        |
| CHARACTERIISATION OF        | ) |                        |
| MULTIPLE SAMPLES OF ONE OR  | ) |                        |
| VARIOUS DISPERSIONS         | ) |                        |

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

As a second Preliminary Amendment, please further amend the above-identified patent application as follows: